

Non-Federal Organizations and Resources That Focus on Youth Homelessness

Many Federal agencies and non-profit organizations provide tools and resources, information on evidence-based practices, and research for agencies and organizations serving youth who are homeless or at risk of homelessness.



Runaway and Homeless Youth Training and Technical Assistance Center • <https://www.rhyttac.net/>

The **Runaway and Homeless Youth Training and Technical Assistance Center (RHYTTAC)** is the training and technical assistance provider for the runaway and homeless youth (RHY) grantees funded by HHS. RHYTTAC assists grantees in developing and implementing effective approaches to serving young people who have run away and/or are impacted by homelessness, accessing new resources, and establishing linkages with other programs with similar interests and concerns.

- **[National Runaway Safeline's Let's Talk: Runaway Prevention Curriculum](#)** – This is an evidence-based, interactive, 14 module curricula intended to educate young people about alternatives to running away as well as to build life skills so that youth can resolve problems without resorting to running away or unsafe behavior.
- **[Consumer Financial Protection Bureau \(CFPB\) Renter Lookup Tool](#)** – The renter lookup tool provides information on rental assistance in an area and how to apply for assistance. The CFPB offers resources in English and Spanish to help renters and landlords access additional financial assistance related to housing costs.

National Alliance to End Homelessness <https://endhomelessness.org/>

The **National Alliance to End Homelessness** focuses on preventing and ending homelessness in the United States. The Alliance provides capacity-building assistance to help communities with policy solutions and proven best practices for viable, on-the-ground programs.

- **[Searchable Database](#)** – This database has multiple resources including data, graphics, publications, toolkits, and videos on a variety of topics (emergency shelter, rapid re-housing, homelessness, re-entry, and children and families).
- **[Rapid Re-Housing for Youth Toolkit](#)** – This toolkit is designed to help teach how to quickly house juveniles, identify housing, rent, and move-in assistance and provides a tailored approach for youth.

National Coalition of the Homeless <https://nationalhomeless.org/>

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- **[Resource Directory](#)** – This database has multiple resources including data, graphics, publications, toolkits, and videos on a variety of topics (emergency shelter, rapid re-housing, homelessness, re-entry, and children and families).

National Homelessness Law Center <https://homelesslaw.org/>

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- **[Webinar Series](#)** – The series covers an array of topics such as education, racial equity, criminalization of homelessness, policing, and incarceration.
- **[State Index on Youth Homelessness](#)** – This report ranks state responses to youth homelessness. The report reviews and scores how each state works to prevent and end youth homelessness through its laws and policies, systems, and environment.

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National Center for Homeless Education

<https://nche.ed.gov/>

NCHE operates the U.S. Department of Education's technical assistance and information center for the federal Education for Homeless Children and Youth (EHCY) Program.

- **Online Trainings** – The site offers several videos and webinars on topics such as eligibility assistance, higher education, McKinney-Vento statute, supporting education, and dropout prevention. The training is designed to be self-paced.
- **Coordinated Entry Process: Building Mutual Engagement Between Schools and Continuums of Care** – This resource provides an overview of the HUD coordinated entry process and strategies for building local coordinated entry engagement between schools and continuums of care.
- **Best Practices in Interagency Collaboration Brief Series** – This series focuses on housing and education collaborations that serve homeless children, youth, and families. The briefs provide basic information to help homeless service providers and homeless education staff understand each other's role in supporting children, youth, and families experiencing homelessness, while offering tools to enhance collaboration among agencies.

National Association for the Education of Homeless Children and Youth (NAEHCY) • <https://naehcy.org/>

The National Association for the Education of Homeless Children and Youth (NAEHCY) is a national membership association whose focus is educational equity and excellence for children and youth experiencing homelessness. NAEHCY focuses on school enrollment, attendance, and overall educational success for children and youth who lack safe, permanent, and adequate housing.

- **Coordinated Entry Brief** – This brief examines the qualities of an effective coordinate entry, a critical component to addressing homelessness.
- **Youth Specific FAQs for Coordinated Entry** – This document contains frequently asked questions (FAQs) and answers on the development and implementation of coordinated entry processes specific to working with runaway and homeless youth. HUD and HHS have developed these FAQs in direct response to questions from the field – both Continuums of Care (CoCs) and youth-serving providers.

True Colors United

<https://truecolorsunited.org/>

True Colors United focuses on innovative solutions to homelessness among LGBTQ youth.

- **Toolkit Resources** – This link offers resources on the following topics: racial equity, youth action, inclusion, youth collaboration, and project management for communities. Each of these toolkits provides a description of the issue and relevant deflections.
- **At the Intersections: A Collaborative Resource on LGBTQ Youth Homelessness** – This resource provides an overview of several topics related to LGBTQ youth homelessness. The resource is divided into four sections: Common Narratives, Deeper Dive, Innovative Approaches, and Solution Strategies. Each section includes an overview of a specific topic – including basic information about the subject, recent statistics, a list of takeaways, and, in some instances, a case study.

Chapin Hall at the University of Chicago, Voices of Youth Count

<https://www.chapinhall.org/project/voices-of-youth-count/>

Chapin Hall at the University of Chicago is a research organization focused on child welfare, community capacity, including schools, courts and before- and after-school programs, and youth homelessness. Chapin Hall provides national leadership on what works to prevent and end youth homelessness. Voices of Youth Count is a national Chapin Hall initiative to bring actionable evidence to prevent and end youth homelessness.

- **Missed Opportunities: Youth Homelessness in America** – Overview of the issue of Youth Homelessness. Issues by the numbers and demographics of homeless youth.
- **Webinar: Pregnant and Parenting Youth Experiencing Homelessness** – This webinar provides an overview of the findings on the Chapin Hall report on pregnant and parent youth experiencing homelessness.

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